

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are allowed. Claim 14 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 12, 13, 15 and 16 have been amended to include allowable subject matter from claim 1. Claims 1, 3-13 and 15-16 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

I. **REJECTION OF CLAIMS 12-16 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) AS BEING ANTICIPATED BY STENILD (U.S. PATENT 4,607,579):**

Stenild fails to disclose "applying a mechanical force to an ink pack inside a cash box to cause the ink pack to move, thereby causing the ink pack to contact a knife portion in the cash box so that ink is released from the ink pack into the cash box, " as recited in amended claim 12, for example.

Instead, Stenild discloses an igniter which ignites an explosive charge to thereby explode causing a bottom of an dye bag having rupture indications to burst (see column 2, lines 49-50). Once the ink pack burst, a pressure will arise causing the dye bag to be thrown in a direction toward the slot and the bag is cut open by knives extending along the slot (see column 2, lines 51-55). That is, an "explosive charge" is not comparable to "a mechanical force", as recited in claim 12, for example.

Further, claims 13 and 15 recite similar features as that of amended claim 12.

In addition, an "explosive charge" is not comparable to a "spring applying force," as recited in claim 16.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

II. **CONCLUSION:**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that each of the claims patentably distinguishes over the prior art, and therefore, defines allowable subject matter. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection along with an indication of allowability of all pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

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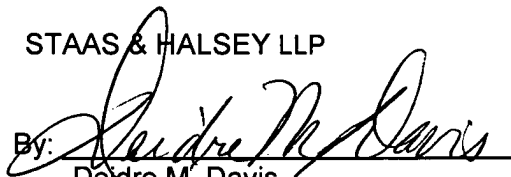
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